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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

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PERIOD 250701 - 260700 OCTOBER 1962

1. CUBAN SITUATION

a. 5TH MEB

(1) JCS DIRECTED CINCPAC TO EMBARK AND SAIL THE 5TH MEB AS SOON AS READY AND CHOP FORCES INVOLVED TO TEMPORARY OPCON CINCLANT. COVER STORY IS THAT FORCES ARE SAILING ON MANEUVERS. NO AMPLIFICATION.

JCS 251859Z (S)

(2) ^{loading} CINCPAC ADVISED ESTIMATED TIME OF COMPLETION OF 5TH MEB IS 271600Z. HOWEVER, THIS TIME MAY BE REDUCED BY 20 HOURS DEPENDING ON DELIVERY POL, AMMO, AND OTHER SUPPLIES.

CINCPAC 250315Z (TS)

(3) HMM-361 AND DET OF VMO-6 WITH AIRCRAFT, PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOADED ABOARD IWO JIMA.

CG 5TH MEB 250714Z (S)

(4) FMFPAC REQUESTED FROM FMFLANT THE DATE CLOUD SUPPLY SOURCES WILL ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR 5TH MEB RESUPPLY.

MCSC BARSTOW WILL RETAIN RESUPPLY

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1. CUBAN SITUATION - 5TH MEB (Continued)

RESPONSIBILITY DURING TRANSITION OF THIS UNIT FROM WEST COAST TO EAST COAST.

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FMFPAC 242235Z (S)

(5) CG FMFLANT DIRECTED THE TWO WEST COAST SQUADRONS, VMA-121 AND VMA-223, TO BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY BY AIRLIFT ON 36 HOUR NOTICE, TO EAST COAST CONUS BASE OR CARIBBEAN AREA.

CG FMFLANT 260059Z (S)

b. 3D LAAM BATTALION

(1) CINCLANT ADVISED JCS HE INTENDED TO DEPLOY ONE HAWK BTRY FROM 3D LAAM BN TO GTMO BY MARINE AIRLIFT COMMENCING 25 OCTOBER.

CINCLANT 250302Z (S)

(2) FIRST ELEMENTS "C" BTRY, 3D LAAM BN ARRIVE GTMO 250657Z. TOTAL AIRLIFT REQUIRES APPROXIMATELY 28 GV AIR CRAFT LOADS. CLOSURE AT GTMO OF ENTIRE BTRY ESTIMATED AT 261700Z.

CTG 84.9 251425Z (S)
G-3, 2D MAW TELECON 260345Q

(3) FMFLANT REQUESTED NAD CHARLESTON PROVIDE 72 HAWK MISSILES TO CG 2D MAW.

CG FMFLANT 242350Z (C)

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C. II MEF

(1) 2D MARDIV PROVIDED FMFLANT WITH ESTIMATED REPLACEMENT DRAFT REQUIREMENTS FOR CTG 129.1 (LANGRUWEST) AS FOLLOWS:

a. 1ST REPLACEMENT DRAFT, CONSISTING OF 212 OFFICERS AND 1788 ENLISTED SHOULD REACH DIVISION BY 7TH DA FOLLOWING A LANDING.

b. SUBSEQUENT REPLACEMENT DRAFTS SHOULD REACH DIVISION AT TWO INTERVALS COMMENCING 21ST DAY FOLLOW A LANDING.

CG 2D MARDIV 231912Z (S)

(2) CG FORTRPS FMFLANT SUBMITTED TO CG FMFLANT A REPORT OF CRITICAL OFFICER AND ENLISTED MOS SHORTAGES. THIS INCLUDED A REQUIREMENT FOR NAVAL MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR A HOSPITAL COMP. NY.

CG FORTRPS FMFLANT 241850Z (C)

(3) VMCJ-2 AIRCRAFT AT KEY WEST (6 F3D ECM AND 2 F8U-1P PHOTO) WILL RECEIVE ASSIGNMENT OF RECONNAISSANCE TARGETS AND MISSIONS FROM 3D PROV AIR DIV, MAC DILL AFB.

TAC AFLANT 242349Z (TS)

d. USNAVBASE GTMO

(1) CINCLANT SITREP AS OF 252400Z INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION:

a. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE DISPOSITION OF CUBAN ARMY UNITS SINCE THE ALERT ANNOUNCED EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC REGRADING, DOD DIR 5200.10 Page 3 of 7 Pages DOES NOT APPLY

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b. USS ENTERPRISE WITH VMA-225 ABOARD AND USS INDEPENDENCE ARE MAINTAINING TWO FIGHTERS, COMBAT AIR PATROL AND TWO PROP ATTACK CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, ON STATION IN CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF COMNAVBASE GTMO. ALL OTHER AIRCRAFT ARE LOADED AND READY FOR LAUNCH WITHIN ONE HOUR. A4D AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN RECONFIGURED FROM TWO TO ONE EXTERNAL FUEL TANKS TO INCREASE STRIKE CAPABILITY.

c. CNO HAS AUTHORIZED PARTIAL ACTIVATION OF THE VIEQUES AMMO STAGING AREA TO ALLEVIATE THE CRITICAL AMMO STORAGE SITUATION AT ROOSEVELT ROADS.

CINCLANT 260154Z (TS)

(2) FOUR SHIPS BEARING REMAINDER OF DEPENDENT EVACUATED FROM GTMO ARRIVED NORFOLK AND LITTLE CREEK ON 25 OCTOBER.

COMPHIBTRALANT 250655Z (U)

e. MISCELLANEOUS

(1) CG FMFLANT HAS REQUESTED CMC TO CHOP 2D BN 22D MAR IN PLACE TO CG FMFLANT. IF APPROVED, MSTs WILL BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE LIFT FROM NORFOLK AS SOON AS POSSIBI

CG FMFLANT ESTIMATES THAT MSTs WOULD BE AVAILABLE WITHIN 3 TO 10 DAYS IF APPROVED. 2D BN 22D MAR WOULD REMAIN AT QUANTICO UNTIL REQUIRED TO MOVE TO PORT.

CMC DID NOT APPROVE REQUEST AT THIS TIME A REQUESTED CG FMFLANT TO PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION IN VIEW OF

1. CUBAN SITUATION - MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

PRESENT KNOWN PLANS REGARDING MARINE COMMITMENTS.

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CG FMFLANT 251705Z (S)
CMC 252232Z (S)

(2) CINCLANT ISSUED CLARIFICATION OF LETTER DESIGNATIONS OF "E" AND "D" DAYS, "E", "S", "H", AND "P" HOURS FOR HIS OPLANS 312-62 AND 316-61.

CINCLANT 242018Z (TS)

(3) CINCLANT ADVISED JCS THAT MUCH THOUGHT AND STUDY HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO THE MATTER OF FORCE VULNERABILITY WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION CONCERNING REDUCTION BY 50 PER CENT OF AIR STRIKE FORCES IN FORWARD BASES TO PRECLUDE VULNERABILITY. CINCLANT CONSIDERS THAT THE REDUCTION OF VULNERABILITY ACCRUING FROM DISPERSAL OF THE FORCE IS FAR OUTWEIGHED BY THE INCREASE IN COST IN MANPOWER AND RESOURCES AND DESIGNATION OF OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY.

CINCLANT 251000Z (TS)

(4) DA SITREP 3-62 PROVIDES A MOVEMENT SUMMARY OF ARMY UNITS IN CONNECTION WITH CUBAN SITUATION, ALSO INCLUDED WAS AN XVIII ABN CORPS REQUEST FOR ISSUE OF CLAYMORE MINES TO DESIGNATED UNITS.

DA WASH DC 251251Z (TS)

(5) US NAVAL FORCES REPORTED THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET SUBMARINES OPERATING IN THE CUBAN QUARANTINE AREA. ONE SNORKEL CONTACT WAS MADE APPROXIMATELY 300 NM NORTHEAST OF PUERTO RICO, ANOTHER CONTACT WAS DETECTED IN THE BAHAMA ISLANDS AREA, AND ONE SUBMARINE WAS SIGHTED WHILE BEING REF

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NORTHWEST OF THE AZORES.

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f. G-4 STAFF INPUT

IN RESPONSE TO CMC INQUIRY OF 25 OCT, 2D MARDIV
TROOPS ARE MOUNTING OUT WITH GAS MASKS.

STATUS REPORT ON GRENADE LAUNCHERS, 40mm, M79
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS - 499

(1) 170 ENROUTE FROM ALBANY TO APA 249 AT MAYPORT,
FLORIDA FOR 2D MARDIV. BA+15 DOA (5100 H. E. RDS) ENROUTE BY
AIR FROM CRANE TO MAYPORT BY 261600R.

(2) 160 ENROUTE FROM BARSTOW TO 5TH MEB POE,
6,000 H. E. RDS FROM FALLBROOK TO NORTH ISLAND BY DAWN 26 OCT.

(3) 2D MARDIV HAS HELD 20 LAUNCHERS FOR TRNG.
1ST MARDIV HAS HELD 51 LAUNCHERS.

(4) DISTRIBUTION OF SPARE PARTS EFFECTED.

(5) 3.5 RKT LAUNCHER INTRODUCED IN SIMILAR MANNER
AT PUSAN IN 1950.

2. ASIA

a. CINCPAC, IN A ROUTINE REPORT OF KEY PERSONNEL,
INDICATED MGEN WELLER, DEPUTY FMFPAC, CONTINUES EXTENDED TAD
TO THAILAND AS C/S OF JTF-116. *he is as much C/S 116 as
I am C/S of Russian Army*
CINCPAC 250316Z (8)

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3. MOVEMENT

a. SPECLANFOR, 7TH FLEET ARRIVED SUBIC BAY 251300Z

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CTG 76.4 251430Z (C)

4. DEFCONS

a. NO CHANGE

TO BE RETURNED TO
EAC WITHIN 5 DAYS

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